

Allband Communications Cooperative was the first company that has offered to provide service and support and demonstrate commitment to providing services to the communities it has been funded to serve. This is evidenced by what they have already achieved and in their on-going involvement in a wide coverage area of community groups to enhance and support the goals of the communities through their service.

Allband's support and interest in the regional Alpena Regional Fiber Consortium, which Alpena Community College is a member of, has helped foster the development of plans for improvement of communications in Northern Michigan. Allband's development of fiber communication network will provide a backbone connection that will serve Alpena area, including Alpena Community College, NOAA, local area schools, health sectors, and city and county entities. The commitment of Allband, to our consortium efforts, will allow for an opportunity for Alpena Community College and other educational and non-profits to provide a much needed enhanced communication network that will support the needs of education, health, and its communities.